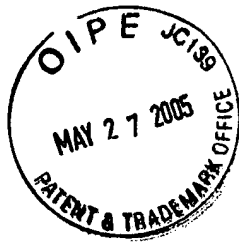


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: D. Jones  
KEN-ICHI OHTA, et al. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2622  
Application No.: 09/521,850 )  
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Filed: March 9, 2000 )  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING )  
: APPARATUS AND METHOD, )  
: AND STORAGE MEDIUM ) May 26, 2005

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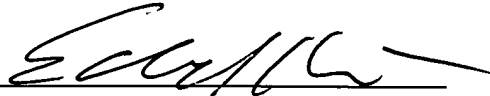
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2004 for one month from May 2, 2005 to May 28, 2005. In this regard, it is noted that a response to the Final Office Action was filed within 2-months of the mailing date thereof, but an Advisory Action was not mailed until May 2, 2005 (after the 3-month period had expired). Accordingly, a one-month extension of time is required at this time.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,  
California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to  
our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward A. Kmett', written over a horizontal line.

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